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1BCT to hold color casing ceremony

WIESBADEN, GERMANY — A military casing of the colors ceremony for the 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division will be held at 10:30 a.m. April 20 at Ray Barracks in Friedberg, Germany. The 1st BCT was deployed to Iraq for more than one year in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and recently returned to their home station.

The ceremony represents the next step in transformation actions for 1st BCT announced in June 2006, and recognizes the long lineage and history of the brigade and honorable service of the Soldiers within the brigade.

The Brigade's proud history began when they were activated as Combat Command A (CCA), 3rd Armored Division at Camp Polk, Louisiana on March 1, 1942. On October 1, 1963, CCA was reorganized and re-designated as 1st Brigade, 3rd Armored Division. On August 16, 1991, 1st Brigade, 3rd Armored Division was re-designated 1st Brigade, 1st Armored Division.

The brigade will uncase their colors at Fort Bliss, Texas in September 2008.

Media interested in attending the ceremony need to contact the 1st AD Public Affairs Office no later than 5 p.m. on April 19.

Visit the 1st BCT website for a more complete history of the unit at <http://www.rfct.1ad.army.mil/History.htm>.

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